

workmanship, or otherwise not in conformity with the requirements of this contract within a period of _____* months after acceptance shall, at the Government's option, be replaced, repaired or otherwise corrected by the Contractor at no cost to the Government within 30 calendar days (or such longer period as the Government may authorize in writing) after receipt of notice to replace or correct. The Contractor shall remove, at its expense, supplies rejected or required to be replaced, repaired or corrected. When the nature of the defect affects an entire batch or lot of supplies, and the Contracting Officer determines that correction can best be accomplished by retaining the nonconforming supplies and reducing the contract price by an amount equitable under the circumstances, then the equitable price adjustment shall apply to the entire batch or lot of supplies from which the nonconforming item was taken.

(2) If supplies in process, shipped, or awaiting shipment to fill Government orders are found not to comply with contract requirements, or if deficiencies in either plant quality or process controls are found, the Contractor may be issued a Quality Deficiency Notice (QDN). Upon receipt of a QDN, the Contractor shall take immediate corrective action and shall suspend shipment of the supplies covered by the QDN until such time as corrective action has been completed. The Contractor shall notify the GSA quality assurance office, within 5 workdays, of corrective action taken or to be taken to permit on site verification by a Government representative. Shipments of nonconforming supplies will be returned at the Contractor's expense and may constitute cause for termination. Delays due to the issuance of a QDN do not constitute excusable delay under the Default clause. Failure to complete corrective action in a timely manner may result in termination of this contract.

(3) This contract may be terminated for default if subsequent Government inspection discloses that plant quality or process controls are not being maintained, supplies which do not meet the requirements of the specification are being shipped, or there is failure to comply with any other requirement of this clause.

(e) *Additional cost for inspection and testing.* The Contractor will be charged for any additional cost of inspection/testing or re-inspecting/retesting supplies for the reasons stated in paragraph (e) of FAR 52.246-2, Inspection of Supplies—Fixed Price. When inspection or testing is performed by or under the direction of GSA, charges will be at the rate of \$ _____* per man-hour or fraction thereof if the inspection is at a GSA distribution center; \$ _____* per man-hour or fraction thereof, plus travel costs incurred, if the inspection is at any other location; and \$ _____* per

man-hour or fraction thereof for laboratory testing, except that when a testing facility other than a GSA laboratory performs all or part of the required tests, the Contractor shall be assessed the actual cost incurred by the Government as a result of testing at such facility. When inspection is performed by or under the direction of any agency other than GSA, the charges indicated above may be used, or the agency may assess the actual cost of performing the inspection and testing.

(f) *Responsibility for rejected supplies.* When the Contractor fails to remove or provide instructions for the removal of rejected supplies under paragraph (d) above, pursuant to the Contracting Officer's instructions, the Contractor shall be liable for all costs incurred by the Government in taking such measures as are expedient to avoid unnecessary loss to the Contractor. In addition to the remedies provided in FAR 52.246-2, supplies may be—

(1) Stored for the Contractor's account;

(2) Reshipped to the Contractor at its expense (any additional expense incurred by the Government or the freight carrier caused by the refusal of the Contractor to accept their return also shall be for the Contractor's account); or

(3) Sold to the highest bidder on the open market and the proceeds applied against the accumulated storage and other costs, including the cost of the sale.

(g) *Subcontracting requirements.* The Contractor shall insert in any subcontracts the inspection or testing provisions set forth in paragraphs (a) through (d) of this clause and the Inspection of Supplies—Fixed Price clause of this contract. The Contractor shall be responsible for compliance by any subcontractor with the provisions set forth in paragraphs (a) through (d) of this clause and the Inspection of Supplies—Fixed Price clause.

(End of clause)

**Normally insert 12 months as the period during which defective or otherwise nonconforming supplies must be replaced. However, when the supplies being bought have a shelf life of less than 1 year, you should use the shelf-life period, or in the instance where you reasonably expect a longer period to be available, you should use the longer period.*

***The rates to be inserted are established by the Commissioner of the Federal Supply Service or a designee.*

552.246-71 Source Inspection by Government.

As prescribed in 546.302-71, insert the following clause:

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SOURCE INSPECTION BY GOVERNMENT (SEP 1999)

(a) *Inspection by Government personnel.*

(1) Supplies to be furnished under this contract will be inspected at source by the Government before shipment from the manufacturing plant or other facility designated by the Contractor, unless the Contractor is otherwise notified in writing by the Contracting Officer or a designated representative. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Government may perform any or all tests contained in the contract specifications at a Government facility without prior written notice by the Contracting Officer before release of the supplies for shipment. Samples sent to a Government resting facility will be disposed of as follows: Samples from an accepted lot, not damaged in the testing process, will be returned promptly to the Contractor after completion of tests. Samples damaged in the testing process will be disposed of as requested by the Contractor. Samples from a rejected lot will be returned to the Contractor or disposed of in a time and manner agreeable to both the Contractor and the Government.

(2) Government inspection responsibility will be assigned to the GSA quality assurance office which has jurisdiction over the State in which the Contractor's subcontractor's plant or other designated point for inspection is located. The Contractor shall notify or arrange for subcontractors to notify the designated GSA quality assurance office 7 workdays before the date when supplies will be ready for inspection. Shipment shall not be made until after inspection by the Government is completed and shipment is authorized by Government.

(b) *Inspection and receiving reports.* For each shipment, the Contractor shall be responsible for preparation and distribution of inspection documents as follows: (1) DD Form 250, Material Inspection and Receiving Report, or computer formatted equivalent for deliveries to military agencies; or (2) GSA Form 308, Notice of Inspection for deliveries to GSA or other civilian agencies. When required, the Contractor will be furnished a supply of GSA Form 308 and/or DD Form 250, and complete instructions for their repair and distribution.

(c) *Inspection facilities.*

(1) The inspection system required to be maintained by the Contractor in accordance with FAR 52.246-2, Inspection of Supplies—Fixed Price, may be the Contractor's own facilities or any other facilities acceptable to the Government. The facilities shall be utilized to perform all inspections and tests of materials and components before incorporation into end articles, and for the inspection of such end articles before shipment. The Government reserves the right to evaluate the acceptability and effectiveness of the

Contractor's inspection system before award and periodically during the contract period.

(2) Offerors are required to specify, in the spaces provided elsewhere in the solicitation, the name and address of each manufacturing plant or other facility where supplies will be available for inspection, indicating the item number(s) to which each applies.

(3) The Contractor shall deliver the items specified in this contract from a plant or warehouse located within the United States (including Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands) that is equipped to perform all inspections and tests required by this contract or specifications to evidence conformance therewith, or shall arrange with a testing laboratory or other facility in the United States, acceptable to the Government, to perform the required inspections and tests.

(d) *Availability of records.*

(1) In addition to any other requirement of this contract, the Contractor shall maintain records showing the following information for each order received under the contract: (i) order number; (ii) date order received by the Contractor; (iii) quantity ordered; (iv) date scheduled into production; (v) batch or lot number, if applicable; (vi) date inspected and/or tested; (vii) date available for shipment; (viii) date shipped or date service completed; and (ix) National Stock Number (NSN), or if none is provided in the contract, the applicable item number or other contractual identification.

(2) These records should be maintained at the point of source inspection and shall be available to the Contracting Officer, or an authorized representative, for (i) 3 years after final payment; or (ii) 4 years from the end of the Contractor's fiscal year in which the record was created, whichever period expires first.

(e) *Additional cost for inspection and testing.* The Contractor will be charged for any additional cost for inspecting/testing or reinspection/retesting supplies for the reasons stated in paragraph (e) of FAR 52.246-2, Inspection of Supplies—Fixed Price. When inspection or testing is performed by or under the direction of GSA, charges will be at the rate of \$ _____* per man-hour or fraction thereof if the inspection is at a GSA distribution center; \$ _____* per man-hour or fraction thereof, plus travel costs incurred, if the inspection is at any other location; and \$ _____* per man-hour or fraction thereof for laboratory testing, except that when a testing facility other than a GSA laboratory performs all or part of the required tests, the Contractor shall be assessed the actual cost incurred by the Government as a result of testing at such facility. When inspection is performed by or under the direction of any agency other than GSA, the charges indicated above may be used, or the agency may assess the actual

cost of performing the inspection and testing.

(f) *Responsibility for rejected supplies.* When the Contractor fails to remove or provide instructions for the removal of rejected supplies under FAR 52.246-2(h) pursuant to the Contracting Officer's instructions, the Contractor shall be liable for all costs incurred by the Government in taking such measures as are expedient to avoid unnecessary loss to the Contractor. In addition to the remedies provided in FAR 52.246-2, supplies may be—

- (1) Stored for the Contractor's account;
- (2) Reshipped to the Contractor at its expense (any additional expense incurred by the Government or the freight carrier caused by the refusal of the Contractor to accept their return also shall be for the Contractor's account); or
- (3) Sold to the highest bidder on the open market and the proceeds applied against the accumulated storage and other costs, including the cost of the sale.

(End of clause)

* *The rates to be inserted are established by the Commissioner of the Federal Supply Service or a designee.*

552.246-72 Final Inspection and Tests.

As prescribed in 546.312, insert the following clause:

FINAL INSPECTION AND TESTS (SEP 1999)

The Contractor shall give written notice to the Contracting Officer at least 10 calendar days before the date the work will be completed and ready for final inspection and tests. Final inspection and tests will begin within 10 calendar days after the date specified in the Contractor's notice unless the Contracting Officer determines that the work is not ready for final inspection and so informs the Contractor.

(End of clause)

552.246-73 Warranty—Multiple Award Schedule.

WARRANTY—MULTIPLE AWARD SCHEDULE (MAR 2000)

(a) *Applicable to domestic locations.* Unless specified otherwise in this contract, the Contractor's standard commercial warranty as stated in the Contractor's commercial price list applies to this contract.

(b) *Applicable to overseas destinations.* Unless specified otherwise in this contract, the Contractor's standard commercial warranty as stated in the commercial price list applies to this contract, except as follows:

- (1) The Contractor must provide, at a minimum, a warranty on all non-consumable

parts for a period of 90 days from the date that the Government accepts the product.

(2) The Contractor must supply parts and labor required under the warranty provisions free of charge.

(3) The Contractor must bear the transportation costs of returning the products to and from the repair facility, or the costs involved with Contractor personnel traveling to The Government facility for the purpose of repairing the product onsite, during the 90-day warranty period.

(End of clause)

Alternate I (MAY 2003). As prescribed in 546.710(b), substitute the following paragraphs (b)(1) and (b)(3) for paragraphs (b)(1) and (b)(3) of the basic clause:

(b)(1) The Contractor must provide, at a minimum, a warranty on all non-consumable parts for a period of 90 days from the date that the ordering activity accepts the product.

(b)(3) The Contractor must bear the transportation costs of returning the products to and from the repair facility, or the costs involved with Contractor personnel traveling to the ordering activity facility for the purpose of repairing the product onsite, during the 90-day warranty period.

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552.246-74 [Reserved]

552.246-75 Guarantees.

As prescribed in 546.710(c), insert the following clause.

GUARANTEES (MAY 1989)

(a) Unless otherwise provided in the specifications, the Contractor guarantees all work to be in accordance with contract requirements and free from defective or inferior materials, equipment, and workmanship for 1 year after the date of final acceptance or the date the equipment or work was placed in use by the Government, whichever occurs first.

(b)(1) If, within any guarantee period, the Contracting Officer finds that guaranteed work requires repair or change because of defective or inferior materials, equipment, or workmanship or is not in accordance with contract requirements, the Contracting Officer shall notify the Contractor in writing. The Contractor shall promptly, and without additional expense to the Government, correct:

- (i) All guaranteed work;
- (ii) All damage to equipment, the site, the building or its contents resulting from the unsatisfactory guaranteed work; and